

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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SECURITY CO-OPERATION BETWEEN INDIA AND USA

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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether during his recent visit to the US a significant progress in expansion of security co-operation between India and US was made;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the steps taken in pursuance thereof; and
- (d) the extent to which country is likely to be benefited by the said co-operations?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES)

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d): India and the U.S. have moved closer in their common objective to combat terrorism. India's concerns on cross-border terrorism are now better appreciated by the U.S. Administration. On bilateral issues also, the stance of U.S. Administration is more supportive in meeting India's security concerns. The two countries have also signed a General Agreement which is intended to ensure adequate security of such classified military information, as may be decided to be shared by each country.

India and U.S. agree that a strengthened Bilateral relationship will assist both the countries to combat threats such as the spread of weapons of mass destruction, international terrorism, narcotics trafficking and piracy.